

West Texas Collection

Grady Hill Collection

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Donor: Mrs. Grady Hill of Christoval through Ross McSwain

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Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Grady Hill Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

Administrative/Biographical History:

Joseph Grady Hill (March 17, 1911- December 14, 1993) was born to B.G. and Tempie Hill in Christoval, Texas where he lived most of his life. For 48 years he served in San Angelo, Texas as the senior editor for the *San Angelo Standard Times*. From 1943-1944, at the request of Congress Representative O. Clark Fisher, Grady left his job (temporarily) at the Standard Times to become the executive secretary for the congressman.

Hill was actively involved in the Texas Wildlife Federation, an organization designed to lobby for lighter gun control related to hunting. For a few years he served as the organization's president, keeping close correspondence with other game and wildlife organizations. He was also the co-founder of the West Texas Game and Fish Association and a member of the San Angelo Knights of the Round Table. Grady married Frances Wheat on December 15, 1951 in Menard, Texas and then moved back to Christoval where they both attended First United Methodist Church of Christoval and raised four children.

Scope and Content:

The majority of the collection is composed of correspondence, most of which date from 1946-1948. Correspondents include former Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Former Representative from the San Angelo area O.C. Fisher, and former Senator and President of the United States Lyndon Baines Johnson, as well as minimally some correspondence related to Grady's private life. The collection also contains newspaper articles, most written by Grady or about Grady or the Texas Wildlife Federation, and photographs, which pertain to wild game, motor boats, and the building of the Lake O.C. Fisher dam in the 1950s. The collection also includes Grady's military records and miscellaneous information about his various clubs.

Arrangement:

| Box | File | Description |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1-3 | Texas Wildlife Federation |
| 2 | 1-4 | Texas Wildlife Federation |
| | 5 | Wildlife |
| 3 | 1-3 | Wildlife |
| 4 | 1-4 | Hunting and Wildlife |
| 5 | 1 | Hunting and Wildlife |
| | 2 | Fishing |
| | 3 | Fishing and Water |
| 6 | 1 | Fishing and Water |
| | 2-5 | Water |
| | 6 | Boats |
| 7 | 1 | Del Rio – Devil’s Lake |
| | 2 | Lake Amistad – Diablo Dam Project |
| | 3-5 | Lake O.C. Fisher |
| | 6-7 | Upper Colorado River Authority |
| 8 | 1 | Wildlife Photographs |
| | 2 | Miscellaneous People Photographs |
| | 3 | Miscellaneous Photographs |
| | 4 | San Angelo Photographs |
| 9 | 1 | Possom Kingdom Lake Photographs |
| | 2 | Lake O.C. Fisher Photographs |
| 10 | 1 | Flooding Photographs |
| | 2 | Fish Photographs |
| | 3 | Lake Photographs |
| 11 | 1 | Taxes |
| | 2 | Appraisal |
| | 3 | Appraisal |
| | 4 | Tax Appraisal Board 1982 |
| | 5 | Appraisal |
| 12 | 1 | Aviation |
| | 2 | Big Bend |
| | 3 | Camp Bowie |
| | 4 | Camps and Recreation |
| | 5 | Firearms |
| | 6 | Parks |
| 13 | 1 | Military |
| | 2 | Joseph Grady Hill, Military Service |
| | 3 | San Angelo History |
| | 4 | Education |
| | 5 | Knights of the Round Table |
| 14 | 1 | Official Correspondence |

| Box | File | Description |
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| | 2 | Personal Correspondence |
| | 3 | Oil Edition |
| | 4 | Politics |
| | 5 | Parks, Recreation, Wildlife |
| | 6 | Rod and Rifle Articles (<i>San Angelo Standard Times</i>) by Grady Hill (1959) |
| | 7 | Special New Stories and Letters |
| | 8 | Standard Times News Service |
| 15 | 1 | Personal Letters |
| | 2 | Personal Letters |
| | 3 | <i>San Angelo Standard Times</i> |
| 16 | 1 | Soil Conservation and Agriculture |
| | 2 | Sanitation |
| | 3 | Utilities |
| | 4 | Irrigation |
| | 5 | Wool |
| 17 | 1 | Floods – Texas Dams and Rivers |
| | 2 | Flood Control – Texas Dams and Rivers |
| | 3 | Texas Dams and Floods |
| | 4 | Winters Post Master |
| | 5 | Miscellaneous File |
| 18 | 1-3 | “It’s Your Business” Notes, Copies, Ideas, Tips |
| 19 | 1 | Photographs |
| | 2 | Membership Cards |
| | 3 | Newspaper Clippings |
| | 4 | Assorted Cards, Certificates, and Money |
| | 5 | Associated Pamphlets, Paper and Medal |
| | 6 | Del Rio – Pecos High Bridge Dedication |
| | 7 | Del Rio – Chamber of Commerce, Philip Ricks, Civic Leader |
| | 8 | Del Rio – Banking |